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Bellaire Police Department Recognition Ceremony

(**Bellaire, TX February 8, 2016**)... The Bellaire Police Department held its annual Employee Recognition Ceremony on Saturday January 30, 2016. Over 20 Police Department employees were recognized for various achievements during 2015.

Recognitions culminated with the awarding of the Bellaire 2015 Police Officer of the Year and the 2015 Bellaire Police Department Employee of the Year. Nominations for these awards are made by the nominees' co-workers and selected by their co-workers. The Chief of Police does not have a role in the selection process. As such, these awards are truly an acknowledgment by the organization as a whole.

Officer Blake Bellard was awarded the 2015 Bellaire Police Officer of the Year award. Bellard was recognized for numerous arrest made during 2015. In one such case, Officer Bellard was able to locate suspects which had committed a series of vehicle burglaries. Charges were filed on the suspects and a large amount of property was returned to owners as a result of Officer Bellard's investigation.

Records Technician Kathy Holbrook was awarded the Bellaire Police Employee of the Year award. Holbrook manages over 33,000 various documents during the course of a typical year as well as numerous other duties.

Also nominated for Officer of the Year were Officer Omar Barrientos, Officer April Delgado, and Officer Aaron Lysack. Communication Supervisor Melissa Galan was nominated for Employee of the Year as well.